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SUBJECT: PERCY QOBOZA PICKED UP

1. LOCAL PRESS SOURCES INFORMED EMBASSY THAT PERCY QOBOZA, FORMER NIEMAN FELLOW AND EDITOR OF BLACK DAILY "THE WORLD," WAS PICKED UP BY SECURITY POLICY EARLY MORNING OF DEC. 14. POLICE CONFISCATED SOME LITERATURE "FROM OVERSEAS" AND ARE HOLDING QOBOZA FOR QUESTIONING. IT IS NOT YET KNOWN WHETHER HE IS BEING HELD ON A CHARGE.

2. COMMENT: SEVERAL REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS ON QOBOZA'S STAFF HAVE BEEN DETAINED OVER LAST FEW MONTHS IN CONNECTION WITH COVERAGE OF SOWETO DISTURBANCES AND ROLE IN "BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS" MOVEMENT. QOBOZA TOLD EMBASSY RECENTLY THAT IT JUST A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE HE WOULD BE DETAINED HIMSELF. HE HAS BEEN A VOCAL CRITIC OF SAG AND HIS EDITORIAL COLUMNS HAVE GROWN INCREASINGLY POINTED OVER LAST THREE MONTHS.
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